

SENATE RESOLUTION 248

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commend Thomas Andrew Wennerstrom for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Wennerstrom is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bo Watson; Thomas's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Thomas has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, such as Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Campus Crusade, and the UTC Oxford Summer program; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Thomas Wennerstrom brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he first began to develop his interest in politics when he was in middle school and further honed his interest by watching the news and political talk shows, reading the editorial page in the newspaper, writing articles about the 2004 Presidential campaign for his high school newspaper, and participating in a debate held in front of the student body of his high Chattanooga Christian School, his high school; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is a generous individual who is always eager and willing to lend a helping hand to those in need; this benevolent nature was evinced through his participation in the World Changers program, through which he traveled to Waukegan, Illinois; Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania; Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Ponce, Puerto Rico to help repair and build houses;
and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Mr. Wennerstrom has surpassed all
criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Wennerstrom has performed his many duties with extraordinary
insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Thomas Andrew
Wennerstrom for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bo Watson and extend
to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.